

### Watchword for the Week

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing. (Revelation 5:12)  
(Moravian Daily Texts 2016)

### ORGAN PRELUDE

### WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Verses from Psalm 30)

I praise you, LORD, because you have saved me.  
***I cried to you for help, O LORD my God,  
and you healed me.***

You kept me from the grave. ***I was on my way  
to the depths below, but you saved my life.***

You have changed my sadness into a joyful  
dance; ***you have taken away my sorrow  
and surrounded me with joy***

So I will not be silent;  
I will sing praise to you.

***LORD, you are my God,  
I will thank you for ever.***

**Hymn 169 \*** *Praise the Lord*  
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

### PRAYER of APPROACH

God has lifted us up and given us new life.  
***God has turned our mourning into dancing!  
God has turned our sorrow into joy!***

God's anger lasts for but a moment;  
God's favour lasts a lifetime.  
***God has turned our mourning into dancing!  
God has turned our sorrow into joy!***

Weeping may spend the night,  
but joy comes in the morning.  
***God has turned our mourning into dancing!  
God has turned our sorrow into joy!***

Lord of our Easter Dance, as we look back  
toward your Passion and Resurrection,  
we remember your unending love for us.  
Yet we know too that there are moments  
in our lives when we have not loved others as  
you taught us. ***There are moments when we***

***are caught up in our own fears, insecurities,  
and selfish ways.***

God, you draw us toward you, even when we  
turn away. Your Spirit leads and guides us in  
our daily lives. ***Help us to stay alert, to see  
the moments when we encounter Christ in  
our everyday interactions.***

For the moments when we give in to fear and  
let our own lives and worries consume us, we  
ask your forgiveness. ***For the moments when  
we are disconnected from others, we ask for  
forgiveness. Amen.***

### WORDS of ASSURANCE

God heals us when we cry for help, and restores  
us to life when we falter. God's favour is for a  
lifetime. Our weeping may endure for the night,  
but joy comes in the morning.  
God is gracious and helps us – always.  
***Thanks be to God! Amen!***

**Hymn 204** 1+2+5 *I am the Church!*

### INFANT BLESSING

(We welcome Ivy and Mayaa Sarpong)

“Jesus Blesses Little Children” (Mark 10:13-16)

### Prayer and Scripture Readings

### Welcome and Blessing

### Questions to the Family and the People

### Closing Prayer

### SHARING GOD'S PEACE

*I welcome you in the name of the Lord! (2x)  
I can see in you the glory of the Lord;  
You are welcome in the name of the Lord!  
(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)*

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 9:1-6 *NT p. 159*

St. John 21:1-19 *NT p. 145*

*People may stand for the Gospel reading.*

The word of God: ***Thanks be to God!***

**Hymn 533 \*** *Will you come and follow me?*

### SERMON

Rev. James Brown

**Hymn 424** *Blest be the everlasting God*  
(Hymn of the Month, April 2016)  
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

### DEDICATION PRAYER

***God, you have the power to transform the  
most unlikely people into your witnesses.  
We dedicate ourselves to being open to the  
movement of the Holy Spirit and moments  
where we might be agents of healing and  
change in today's world. Use our gifts to  
show people your presence in their everyday  
lives. Help us be a means for encountering  
the risen Christ in a broken world. Amen.***

### NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be  
thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be  
done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this  
day our daily bread. And forgive us our  
trespasses, as we forgive those who  
trespass against us. And lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine  
is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.***

**Hymn 530 \*** *One more step along the world*

BLESSING and ***Threefold Amen*** (No. 819)

### ORGAN POSTLUDE

***“Give a man a fish and  
you feed him for a day;  
teach a man to fish  
and you feed him  
for a lifetime.”***

Moses Maimonides  
(ca. 1135-1204)  
Jewish Philosopher

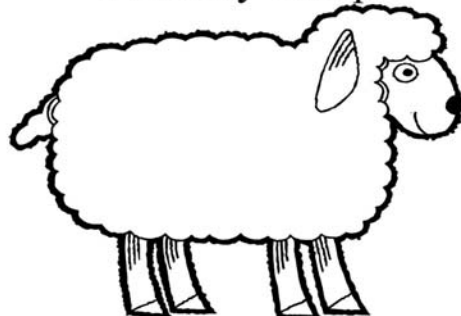


# Notices

- We welcome all **visitors** and **first-time worshippers**. Please sign our guest book *including your postal or e-mail address if you wish to receive our church newsletter*.
- **Today's worship team:**
  - Duty elder:** Herold Dehling
  - Reader:** Andrea Nieder Hagemann
  - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Today Marcus and Faustina Sarpong are presenting their daughters Ivy and Mayaa for **infant blessing** – a special welcome is extended to the Sarpong family.
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled: € 222.50.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **East Timor, Indonesia** and the **Philippines**. Info at [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://www.ecc-bochum.de)
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



Feed My Sheep



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"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"

"On entering, peace – on departure, blessing"  
(Pauluskirche Bochum – Porch Inscription 1655)

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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